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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 56, applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. One copy of each reference is attached.

Applicant presents these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970).

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

The Office Action indicated that the German language documents have not been considered because no English language equivalent was attached. Please find a new PTO-1449 with at least partial English language translation of the German language documents. Please note, U.S. Patent No. 6,332,733 claims priority from DE 20002413 and U.S. Patent No. 6,234,808 is related to DE 19854475. Because this is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, it is believed that no fee is presently due. However, if any fee is necessary, it may be charged to the undersigned's deposit account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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